



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6361

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2003) (a) In the case of a
2 person who is a resident of this state and was born in another state or
3 in a foreign jurisdiction, if such other state or foreign jurisdiction
4 requires a court decree in order to amend a birth certificate to reflect a
5 change in gender, the probate courts in this state shall have jurisdiction
6 to issue such a decree. When a person has completed treatment for the
7 purpose of altering his or her sexual characteristics to those of the
8 opposite sex, such person may apply to the probate court for the
9 district in which such person resides for a decree that such person's
10 birth certificate be amended to reflect the change in gender. The
11 application to the probate court shall be accompanied by an affidavit
12 from a physician attesting that the applicant has physically changed
13 gender and an affidavit from a psychologist, psychiatrist or a licensed
14 clinical social worker attesting that the applicant has socially and
15 psychologically changed gender. Upon issuance, such probate court
16 decree shall be transmitted to the registration authority of such
17 person's place of birth.

18 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority
19 of the Commissioner of Public Health to amend birth certificates in
20 accordance with section 19a-42 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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PH *Joint Favorable C/R* JUD

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*